

Sri V. N. PATIL.—Sir, just now I have received a telegram and I shall read the contents of it :

“Misappropriation Mis-Management in Hyderabad Karnatak Education Society, Gulbarga, is going on since eleven years without elections against the Act and Rules, hunger strike is started by Dharma Rao, Afzalpurker, S. S. Patil, Abdul Khadar Saradgi, Amaresh Gouda—situation is alarming—remove President of the Society and enquiry be held.

Chairman all parties action committee—Dharma Rao Afzalpurkar, Jagat, Gulbarga.”

Sri K. PUTTASWAMY (Minister for Parliamentary Affairs).—Sir, how can you permit all these things? The same thing was heard from Sri Nagappa.

Sri BAPU GOWDA.—Sir, the same thing is being repeated by several members. How can you permit it?

Mr. SPEAKER.—The hon. member may pass it on to me.

ಶ್ರೀ ಬಿ. ಪಿ. ಗಂಗಾಧರ್.—ಸ್ವಾಮಿ, ಬ್ರಿಚ್ ಆಫ್ ಪೀಸ್ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ನನಗೊಂದು ವೈರ್ ಬಂದಿದೆ. ಅದರ ಸಲುವಾಗಿ ಹೇಳಬೇಕಾಗಿದೆ. ಈಗ ಮಾನ್ಯ ಸದಸ್ಯರಾದ ಶ್ರೀಮಾನ್ ನಾಗಪ್ಪನವರು ಏನು ಪ್ರಸ್ತಾಪ ಮಾಡಿದರು, ಆ ಸೂಕ್ತಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಕೆಲಸ ಶಾಂತ ರೀತಿಯಿಂದ ನಡೆದಿದೆ ಎಂಬುದಾಗಿ ನನಗೆ ವೈರ್ ಬಂದಿದೆ. ಈ ದಿವಸ ಕೆಲಸರು ಆ ಸೂಕ್ತಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ತಮಗೆ ಯಾವ ಅಧಿಕಾರ ಇಲ್ಲ ಎಂಬ ಕಾರಣದಿಂದ ಹಂಗ್ ಸ್ಟ್ರೈಕ್ ಮಾಡುವುದರ ಮೂಲಕ ಜನರ ಪುನಸ್ಸನ್ನು ಕರಳಿಸಿದ್ದಾರೆ. ಮತ್ತು ಕಾಯಿದೆ ಮತ್ತು ಸುವ್ಯವಸ್ಥೆಯನ್ನು ಕಡೆಸಲು ಪ್ರಯತ್ನ ಮಾಡುತ್ತಿದ್ದಾರೆ. ಆದಕಾರಣ ಈ ವಿಷಯದ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಏನು ತೀರ್ಮಾನ ಕೈಗೊಳ್ಳಬೇಕೆಂಬುದನ್ನು ತಮಗೇ ಬಿಟ್ಟಿದ್ದೇನೆ.

Sri D. B. KALMANKAR.—Sir, a similar telegram has been received by me also.

Mr. SPEAKER.—I am not going to permit it to be read. If the members have any documents they may be passed on to me for necessary further action.

Sri D. B. KALMANKAR.—Sir, the situation is alarming. Many advocates are on hunger strike. Can we expect a discussion on this matter during the course of this day?

Mr. SPEAKER.—I cannot promise anything. I shall take a decision in due course.

(iv) Collection of water levy

ಶ್ರೀ ಬಿ. ಪಿ. ಗಂಗಾಧರ್.—ಸ್ವಾಮಿ, ನಾನು ಇದುವರೆಗೆ ಕೆಳಗೆ ವಾಟರ್ ಲೆವಿಯ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಜನರಿಗೆ ಅಗುತ್ತಿರುವ ತೊಂದರೆಯ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಒಂದು ಅಡ್ವರ್ಸ್ ಮೆಂಟ್ ವೋಷನ್‌ನ್ನು ತಮಗೆ ಕಳಿಸಿದ್ದೆ.

Mr. SPEAKER.—I remember that the Hon'ble Member had promised to pass on one document, relating to this subject, but he has not done it.

ಶ್ರೀ ಬಿ. ಪಿ. ಗಂಗಾಧರ್.—ಮೆಮೋ ಹಾಕಿ ತಮಗೆ ಕಳಿಸಿದೆ. ಅಲ್ಲಿಯ ರೈತರು ಈ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಬಹಳ ತೊಂದರೆಗೆ ಒಳಗಾಗಿದ್ದಾರೆ.

Mr. SPEAKER.—I shall request the Government to make a statement.

Sri B. P. GANGADHAR.—It is an urgent matter. I want to know the mind of the Government on this issue.

Mr. SPEAKER.—If the hon. member gives a Calling attention Notice, I shall consider it.

CALLING ATTENTION TO MATTERS OF URGENT PUBLIC IMPORTANCE UNDER RULE 63, (i) re : STRIKE IN THE BENGAL-BIHAR CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, BELGAUM.

Sri B. B. SAYANAK (Belgaum).—Sir, I beg to call the attention of the Minister for Law, Labour and Parliamentary Affairs to the strike in the Bengal Bihar Construction Company in Belgaum.

Sri K. PUTTASWAMY (Minister for Law, Labour and Parliamentary Affairs).—The Hon'ble Member has given notice to call my attention to the strike in the Bengal Bihar Construction Company in Belgaum since 24th December 1969.

M/s. Bengal Bihar Construction Co. (P) Ltd., having their Headquarters at Calcutta have undertaken the Plant Fabrication work of M/s. Indian Aluminium Co. Ltd., Belgaum. The work is going on since the middle of 1967 and is likely to be completed within the next 2 to 3 months. They are getting the work done through sub-contractors. There are 8 sub-contractors and about 500 to 600 workers.

The President of the Engineering and Foundry Kamgar Sabha, Belgaum sent a charter of demands on 5th December 1969 to Messrs. Bengal Bihar Construction Company (P) Limited and to the 8 sub-contractors demanding increase in wages, bonus, festival holidays, leave with wages, etc. One of his demands is that all the workmen employed by the sub-contractors should be treated as workmen of the Bengal Bihar Construction Co. Since there was no response from the employers, the workmen numbering about 150 have gone on strike with effect from 24th December 1969.

On 26th December 1969, the Assistant Labour Commissioner Belgaum Division, Hubli, suggested to the President of the Engineering and Foundry Kamgar Sabha, Belgaum, to call off the strike and avail of the conciliation machinery for redressal of grievances. But this suggestion was not acceptable to the President of the Union as the work of the company is to be completed within a short period and he wanted to get the demands conceded through direct action.